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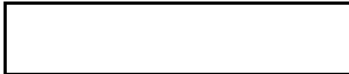
Dear

Although your Division has been generous in supplying specific maps upon request, there has been no automatic distribution of non-security classified maps to the Library of Congress for several years. Such maps would strengthen our reference service and we are anxious to obtain them. I have discussed the situation informally with you and various members of your staff, but am now submitting this request through channels for careful consideration. It seems that automatic distribution was stopped to prevent recording your maps in public catalogs, listing them in published bibliographies, or permitting general use which would reveal the nature of work in your agency or lead to outside requests for copies.

It would be entirely possible to place restrictions on the use of your maps at the Library of Congress and still make the information on them available to Congressmen, the many Government employees who use our collections and scholars who do not have access to your library.

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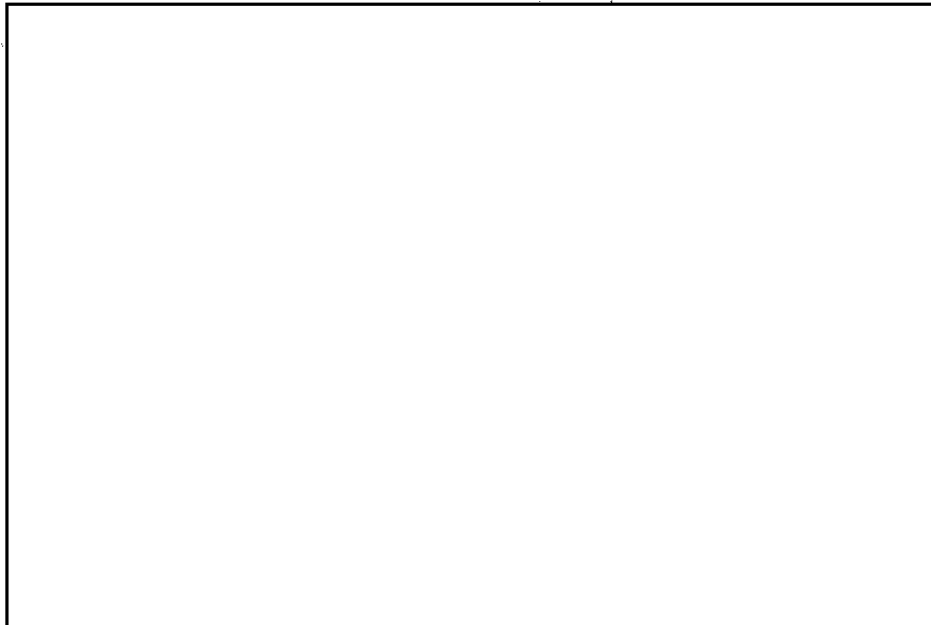
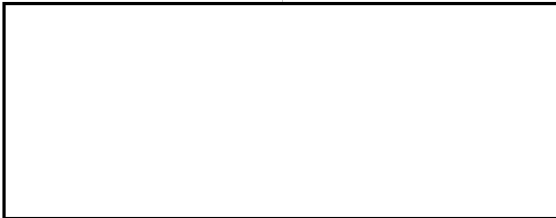
If automatic distribution is authorized, we hope that it can be for at least two years in order to fill existing gaps in our holdings.

Sincerely,

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